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MEMORANDUM FOR THE COMMAND STANDARDS IMPROVEMENT EXECUTIVES

Subj : IMPLEMENTATION MEMO 95-4, AMPLIFICATION ON THE USE OF
PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATIONS, NON-GOVERNMENT STANDARDS,
MILITARY SPECIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS, AND WAIVERS

Ref: (a) ASN (RD&A) memo on Navy Implementation of DoD Policy on
Specifications and Standards Reform, dated 27 July 94
(b) DoN Standards Improvement Program Plan, dated 21 Dec 94
(c) SecDef memo on Specifications & Standards - A New Way of
Doing Business, dated 29 Jun 94

Encl: (1) Amplification on Use of Specifications, Standards, and
Waivers

References (a) and (b) implemented the policy and procedures
given in reference (c) on the use of performance specifications,
non-Government standards, military specifications and standards,
and the waiver process. Enclosure (1) provides amplification to
the implementation details contained in references (a) and (b) .

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Amplification on Use of Specifications, Standards, and Waivers

1. USE OF PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATIONS IN REPROCUREMENTS

For **reprocurements**, the procuring activity is encouraged, but not required, to use performance specifications to the maximum extent practicable.

2. USE OF NON-GOVERNMENT STANDARDS AND INDUSTRY PRACTICES

If it is inconsistent with industry practice or is not practicable to use a performance specification, non-Government standards or nationally-accepted industry practices shall be used.

3. WAIVERS FOR ACAT AND DESIGNATED AIS PROGRAM SOLICITATIONS

The formal waiver process described in reference (b) applies to Acquisition Category (**ACAT**) program and designated Automated Information System (**AIS**) program solicitations only.

4. COMPLIANCE IN OTHER THAN ACAT PROGRAM SOLICITATIONS

For non-ACAT program solicitations, the Head Contracting Authority, or designee, of the activity in which the acquisition is planned will ensure that the solicitation complies with the DoD and DoN policy on the use of performance specifications, non-Government standards, and military specifications or standards. For **reprocurements**, the procuring activity is encouraged, but not required, to use performance specifications and non-Government standards to the maximum extent practicable.